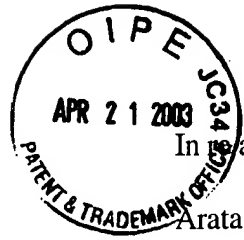


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 20, 2002 to April 21, 2003, April 20, 2003, falling on a Sunday.

A check for the statutory fee of \$410.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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